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The Senate met at 9:15 a.m., on the expiration of the recess, and was called to order by the President pro tempore [Mr. THURMOND].

PRAYER

The Chaplain, Dr. Lloyd John Ogilvie, offered the following prayer:

Gracious Lord God, Sovereign of our Nation, personal Lord of our lives, we claim Your promise given through Isaiah, "Your ears shall hear a word behind you saying, 'This is the way, walk in it'."—Isaiah 30:21. We dedicate this day to walk humbly with You. We are challenged by the realization that the Hebrew meaning of "walk humbly" is "to walk attentively." And so, we commit our minds and hearts to listen attentively to You. Speak to us so that what we speak may be an echo of Your voice which has sounded in the depth of our receptive souls. In the din of the cacophony of voices demanding our attention, help us to seek to know and do Your will for what is best for our beloved Nation.

Grant us the greatness of minds tuned to the frequency of Your spirit's guidance. Free us of any tenaciously held positions that may not have been refined by careful listening to You. May our united position together be that of women and men committed to Your righteousness and justice.

We ask for Your blessing for our President, the House of Representatives, the Justices of the Supreme Court, and the judges of the courts of our land who seek to carry out Your will in their decisions, and all who assume the awesome responsibilities of government. We listen to hear Your voice saying, "This is the way, walk in it—together." In the name of our Lord. Amen.

MORNING BUSINESS

The PRESIDENT pro tempore. Under the previous order, there will now be a period for morning business.

Mr. FORD addressed the Chair.

The PRESIDENT pro tempore. The able Senator from Kentucky is recognized.

Mr. FORD. I believe I have a standing order this morning that I have up to 20 minutes. Is that correct?

The PRESIDENT pro tempore. Correct.

Mr. FORD. I thank the Chair.

APPRECIATION OF FLOOR STAFF

Mr. FORD. First, Mr. President, let me thank the floor staff for the effort they put forward all the time and the effort they made last evening to give this Senator a few moments of the Senate's time today, and I want them to know that I do appreciate it.

(Mrs. HUTCHISON assumed the chair.)

(The remarks of Mr. FORD pertaining to the introduction of S. 1262 are located in today's RECORD under "Statements on Introduced Bills and Joint Resolutions.")

UNANIMOUS-CONSENT AGREEMENT—H.R. 1976

Mr. FORD. Madam President, on behalf of the majority leader, I ask unanimous consent that the orders for the three back-to-back votes and the debate with respect to H.R. 1976 be postponed to occur at 12 noon today.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

UNANIMOUS-CONSENT AGREEMENT—H.R. 1868

Mr. FORD. Madam President, I further ask unanimous consent that at 9:45 a.m. the Senate begin consider-

ation of H.R. 1868, the foreign operations appropriations bill, for opening statements until 11 a.m.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

Mr. FORD. Madam President, therefore, the vote scheduled for 9:45 a.m. has now been postponed to occur at 12 noon and the Senate would instead begin consideration of the foreign operations appropriations bill at 9:45.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

Mr. FORD. I suggest the absence of a quorum.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will call the roll.

The legislative clerk proceeded to call the roll.

Mr. COCHRAN. Madam President, I ask unanimous consent that the order for the quorum call be rescinded.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

CONGRESSMAN JAMIE WHITTEN

Mr. COCHRAN. Madam President, last week, I was very honored to be able to attend the funeral in my State of former Congressman Jamie Whitten. Congressman Whitten was my good friend and colleague in the House. I served in the House 6 years before coming to the Senate. During that time, I got to know him and be with him frequently. Even though I was not on the Appropriations Committee at that time when I was elected to the Senate, I soon became a member of the Appropriations Committee, and as irony caused it, I was immediately the chairman of the Agriculture Appropriations Subcommittee.

The day I went on the Agriculture Subcommittee, the Republicans had become the majority in the Senate and that was my first assignment. Interestingly enough, on the House side, Congressman Whitten had been the chairman of the Agriculture Appropriations

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